

American Neutrality

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The Sinking of the Lusitania

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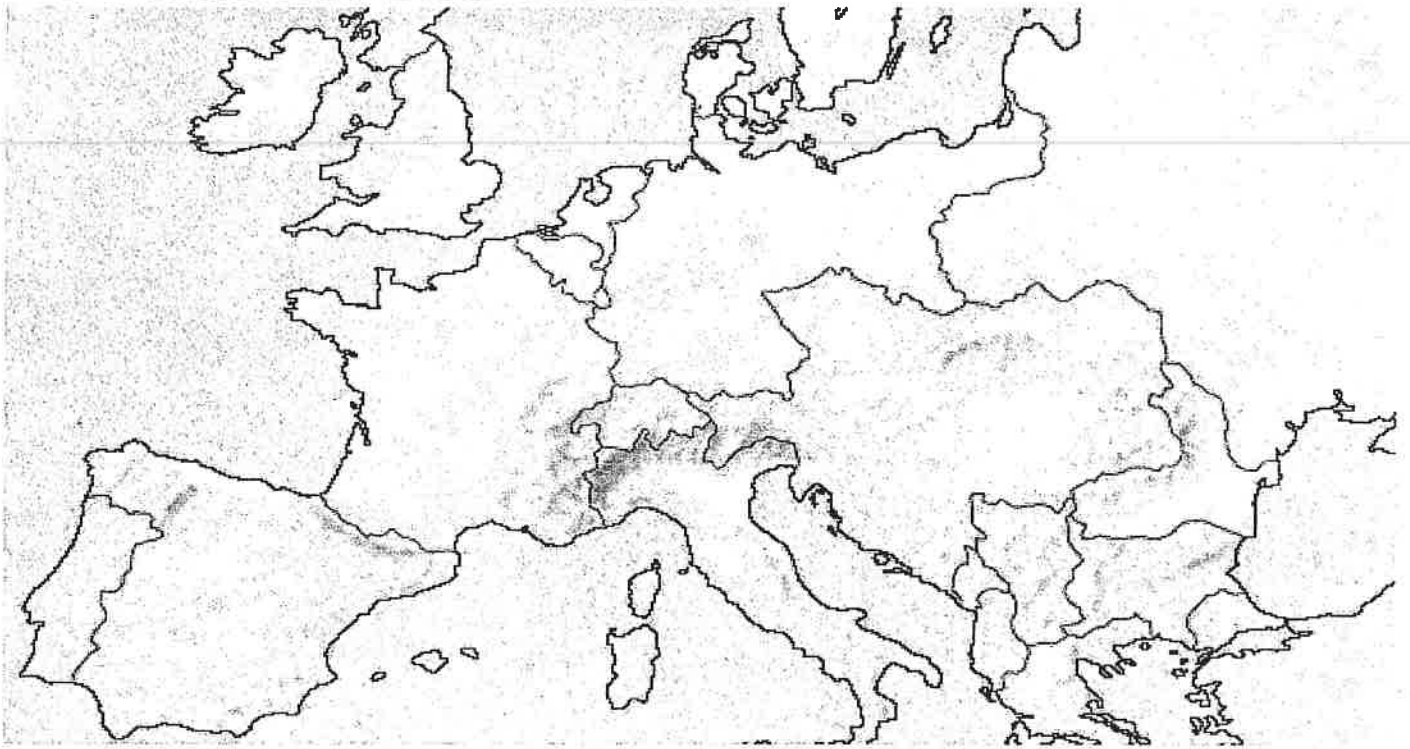
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American Entry into World War 1

Effects

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The German Schlan Plan



To Weaken Russia's war effort further, Germany helped V.I. Lenin, a Russian revolutionary then living in Switzerland, to return to his homeland in April 1917. Lenin led an uprising that gained control of Russia's government. Lenin immediately called for peace talks with Germany. World War I had ended on the Eastern Front.

Germany dictated harsh peace terms to Russia in a peace treaty signed in Brest-Litovsk, Russia on March 3, 1918. The treaty of Brest-Litovsk forced Russia to give up large amounts of territory, including Finland, Ukraine, Bessarabia, and the Baltic States-- Estonia, Livonia (now Latvia), and Lithuania. The end of the fighting in the Eastern Front freed German troops for use on the Western Front. Only obstacle to a final German victory seemed to be the entry of the United States into the war.

BATTLE OF MARNE

TRENCH WARFARE

BATTLE OF VERDUN